Under the Hydrology Project Phase-II (HP-II), extension of HIS to 4 new States/UTs and 2 central agencies has been planned.

Shortage of water reservoirs

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an acute shortage of water reservoirs like pools, ponds, baoris is being observed in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this shortage has reached to 38 per cent just during last one decade;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government have assessed its likely impact on the availability of water in the country due to this shortage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The total storage capacity created so far is 113 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM). This includes 6.2 BCM of storage capacity created through Medium schemes (of capacity less than 10 million cubic metre). Further, there are numerous natural and man-made water bodies such as lakes, tanks, ponds and similar structures. Many of the water bodies like ponds, lakes etc. have fallen into disuse. A Pilot Scheme on "National Project for Repair Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" has been approved by the Government of India with a Plan outlay of Rs. 300 crore for the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the overall storage capacity of the reservoirs of various categories have increased over time.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

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